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BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS CABLE CONTAINS SECRETARY BROWN'S
BASIC PROGRAM AS SUGGESTED BY THE GERMAN DEFENSE
MINISTRY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S REACTION TO
IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

1. DEFENSE MINISTER APEL'S CIVILIAN AIDE (DR. RUDLOFF)
HAS SUGGESTED TO THE EMBASSY THE FOLLOWING BASIC PROGRAM
FOR SECRETARY BROWN'S VISIT TO BONN, APRIL 13-14:

THURSDAY, APRIL 13
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1200 ARRIVAL OF SECRETARY BROWN'S AIRCRAFT AT
THE BONN/COLOGNE AIRPORT, MILITARY SIDE.
TO BE MET BY A RANKING OFFICIAL (NOT YET
NAMED) OF THE FMOD, DCM MEEHAN, AND EMBASSY
OFFICERS. (AMBASSADOR STOESSEL WILL BE
IN BERLIN IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT

THERE OF THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.)

SECRETARY BROWN AND APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY WOULD PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE DEFENSE MINISTRY. SECRETARY BROWN WOULD RIDE IN A DEFENSE MINISTRY VEHICLE. THERE WILL BE A POLICE ESCORT.

1220 ARRIVAL AT THE DEFENSE MINISTRY.

1220-1235 WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR SECRETARY BROWN AT THE PARADE GROUND OF THE DEFENSE MINISTRY.

1240-1300 INFORMAL CONVERSATION BETWEEN SECRETARY BROWN AND MINISTER APEL IN THE LATTER'S OFFICE.

1315-1430 STAG LUNCHEON AT DEFENSE MINISTRY, HOSTED BY MINISTER APEL. DEFENSE MINISTRY SUGGESTS NO MORE THAN TEN US PARTICIPANTS AND TEN GERMAN PARTICIPANTS.

1430-1730 FORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN DEFENSE MINISTRY'S LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM. TENTATIVE PLAN IS FOR MINISTER APEL, SECRETARY BROWN AND SEVERAL SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM EACH SIDE TO
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BE PRESENT FOR THE ENTIRE TIME, AND FOR EXPERTS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS TO ENTER AND LEAVE THE ROOM AS REQUIRED FOR THE DISCUSSIONS. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION WILL BE AVAILABLE, AS REQUIRED, TO FACILITATE DISCUSSION OF COMPLEX SUBJECTS BY ALL PRESENT. (THE AMBASSADOR, WHO WILL BE ARRIVING IN THE AFTERNOON FROM BERLIN, WOULD EXPECT TO JOIN THE DISCUSSION BEFORE IT ENDS.)

1735 SECRETARY BROWN, MINISTER APEL AND THE AMBASSADOR LEAVE FOR THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE WITH POLICE ESCORT. SECRETARY BROWN WOULD RIDE IN DEFENSE MINISTRY VEHICLE.

1800 ARRIVAL AT CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

1800-1900 SECRETARY BROWN, MINISTER APEL AND THE AMBASSADOR MEET WITH THE CHANCELLOR.

1910-1940 SECRETARY BROWN AND MINISTER APEL MEET WITH

THE PRESS AT THE BUNDESPRESSEKONFERENZ

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BUILDING (NEAR THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY).

EVENING FREE. REMAIN OVERNIGHT AT STEIGENBERGER HOTEL.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

0755 SECRETARY BROWN AND PARTY LEAVE
STEIGENBERGER HOTEL FOR BONN/COLOGNE
AIRPORT, ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE DEFENSE MINISTRY AND EMBASSY
OFFICERS. POLICE ESCORT.

0815 ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT.

0830 DEPARTURE OF AIRCRAFT.

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2. DR. RUDLOFF SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH IT HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED WHO ON THE GERMAN SIDE WOULD ATTEND THE STAG LUNCHEON AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMAL DISCUSSIONS AT THE DEFENSE MINISTRY, HE FELT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS -- IN ADDITION TO MINISTER APEL -- WERE LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR BOTH:

STATE SECRETARY VON BUELOW
STATE SECRETARY SCHNELL
STATE SECRETARY HIEHLE
GENERAL WUST, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE ARMED FORCES
LT.GEN. HILDEBRANDT, INSPECTOR OF THE ARMY
LT.GEN. LIMBERG, INSPECTOR OF THE AIR FORCE
VICE ADMIRAL LUTHER, INSPECTOR OF THE NAVY
MR. EBERHARD, HEAD OF THE ARMAMENTS DIVISION,
DEFENSE MINISTRY
DR. PADBERG, HEAD OF BUDGET OFFICE, DEFENSE MINISTRY
DR. HAHNENFELD, LEGAL ADVISOR, DEFENSE MINISTRY
DR. STUETZLE, HEAD OF PLANNING STAFF, DEFENSE
MINISTRY
DR. SCHMUNK, HEAD OF ACCOMMODATIONS BRANCH, DEFENSE
MINISTRY
PROF. REBENTISCH, HEAD OF JOINT MEDICAL SERVICES,
DEFENSE MINISTRY

3. DR. RUDLOFF INDICATED THAT THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LUNCHEON ON THE GERMAN SIDE WOULD BE ROUGHLY THE FIRST NINE NAMES ABOVE (IN ADDITION TO MINISTER APEL); THE FORMAL DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE ATTENDED BY ALL OF THE ABOVE, IN ADDITION TO VARIOUS EXPERTS AT THE WORKING LEVEL.

4. RUDLOFF ASSURED US THAT THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR
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THE VISIT WOULD BE EXCELLENT AND TOTALLY ADEQUATE. THE EMBASSY AND THE SECRETARY'S SECURITY ADVANCE TEAM WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE APPROPRIATE GERMAN AUTHORITIES TO ENSURE THAT MAXIMUM PROTECTION IS PROVIDED FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

5. DR. RUDLOFF FELT THAT MRS. APEL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOSTING A LUNCHEON, PROBABLY AT A RESTAURANT IN THE CITY, FOR MRS. BROWN AND THE WIVES OF OTHER RANKING MEMBERS OF SECRETARY BROWN'S PARTY. HE SAID THE DEFENSE MINISTRY WOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST US INFORMALLY WITH A

LADIES' PROGRAM OF SIGHTSEEING AFTER THE LUNCHEON, BUT
PREFERRED NOT TO ORGANIZE AN OFFICIAL PROGRAM FOR THE
LADIES. (THE EMBASSY IS OF COURSE PREPARED TO ARRANGE
APPROPRIATE SIGHTSEEING AND PROVIDE A BILINGUAL ESCORT.)

6. DR. RUDLOFF ASKED US TO INFORM HIM WHETHER THERE ARE
ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS OR PREFERENCES ON THE US SIDE
WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARATIONS FOR
THE STAG LUNCHEON AT THE DEFENSE MINISTRY AND THE
POSSIBLE LUNCHEON FOR THE LADIES.

7. COMMENT:
WE HAD ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED THAT THE PRESS
CONFERENCE TAKE PLACE AT THE DEFENSE MINISTRY,
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSIONS, BUT RUDLOFF FELT
STRONGLY THAT IT SHOULD BE AFTER THE MEETING WITH THE
CHANCELLOR FOR TWO REASONS: (1) SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT
WOULD LEAVE MORE TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS AT THE DEFENSE
MINISTRY; AND (2) IT WOULD BE MORE COURTEOUS VIS-A-VIS
THE CHANCELLOR.

8. WE BELIEVE THE TENTATIVE LIST OF GERMAN PARTICIPANTS IN
THE LUNCHEON/DISCUSSIONS IS EXCELLENT. EACH NAME WAS
CHOSEN WITH SUBSTANCE IN MIND. OF THOSE TOWARDS THE

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END OF THE LIST WHOSE ROLES MAY NOT BE OBVIOUS, PADBERG IS THE HIGH LEVEL BUDGET EXPERT FOR AWACS AND OTHER QUESTIONS; HAHNENFELD'S PRESENCE WILL BE USEFUL ON THE MORE LEGALISTIC QUESTIONS; STUETZLE IS THE THINKER/POLICY PLANNER; SCHMUNK IS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE SINCE HE HEADS THE DIVISION WHICH PROVIDES VITAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO US FORCES; AND THE EXPERTISE OF REBENTISCH COULD BE USEFUL IN A HOST NATION SUPPORT CONTEXT.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT WASHINGTON:

(A) LET US KNOW WHAT, IF ANY, CHANGES IT WISHES TO SUGGEST IN THE ABOVE BASIC PROGRAM (CAUTIONARY NOTE: ALTHOUGH WE ARE SURE RUDLOFF WOULD BE FLEXIBLE, HE HAD OBVIOUSLY GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO THE PROGRAM. HE IS CONFIDENTIAL

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CLOSE TO APEL, HAVING SERVED AS HIS ASSISTANT IN THE FINANCE MINISTRY);

(B) INFORM THE EMBASSY WHETHER MRS. BROWN AND THE OTHER LADIES WOULD ACCEPT MRS. APEL'S INVITATION TO THE LUNCHEON, IF IT IS IN FACT FORTHCOMING;

(C) PROVIDE US, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH A LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTY, IN PROTOCOL ORDER;

(D) PROVIDE US WITH A LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BROWN PARTY, IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE, FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE LUNCHEON (RUDLOFF TELLS US THE DESIRED MAXIMUM OF TEN WOULD INCLUDE THE DCM, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE AMBASSADOR, AND ONE OTHER EMBASSY OFFICER);

(E) PROVIDE US WITH AN ANSWER TO RUDLOFF'S QUESTION IN PARA 6, ABOVE.
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